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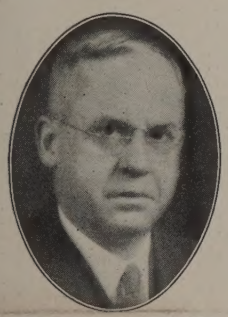
NOTED NEGRO LEADER

George N. White of Chicago, Ill., alumni secretary of the Congregational and Christian colleges and schools for Negroes in the South, will be guest and speaker at the meetings of the various Associations, and in a number of churches in Northern California during the next four weeks.

Six colleges, with an enrollment of 911 students, and twelve secondary and primary schools, with 4,169 pupils, are conducted by the united churches through the agency of the American Missionary Association. Five of the institutions are in Alabama, three in Georgia, and three in North Carolina, and one each in Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Over 50,000 alumni, several thousand of whom are



GEORGE N. WHITE

Foremost Negro educational leader in the Congregational and Christian churches of the United States . . . Inimitable speaker on racial prejudices and antagonisms, mixing humor with sympathetic understanding and critical insight. . . Widely traveled; knows the psychology of the Negro in America and the black man in Africa; of the white man in the South and the white Northerner.

college graduates, are making a contribution of incalculable value toward improving both Negro life and interracial relationships.

Mr. White was born in Atlanta, Ga., where his father, a mail carrier, was a deacon in the First Congregational Church which was organized in 1867 under the auspices of the Association. He had his secondary education at Storrs School, an institution formerly under the Association, and then he attended and graduated from Atlanta University. Later he took post-graduate work at the University of Chicago.

For many years he was principal of the Burrell Normal School, an A. M. A. institution in the heart of what is now the world famous Muscle Shoals. When appointed to this position, "to be principal of an institution for Negroes was about as popular as an anti-saloon leader in a bootleggers' secret convention." When he left in 1925, to become a secretary in the American Missionary Association, the sentiment of the community had so far changed that by public vote thousands of dollars were being poured into support of his work.

In 1930 he was the joint representative of the American Board and the A. M. A. to the Jubilee of Missions in West Central Africa. One cannot soon forget his dramatic portrayal of that event in vivid word pictures. After the Jubilee he made his way entirely across Africa, visiting Ray Phillips at Johannesburg, Dr. McCord at Durban and many other mission stations in that great continent.

THE MAGIC WORD SURPLUS

NOT DOWN, BUT UP! NOT DEFICIT, BUT SURPLUS! NOT DEFEAT, BUT VICTORY! For the first time in four long years we have come to the end of a fiscal year without a deficit—in fact, with a small surplus, in the accounts of the Conference and Home Missionary Society. HERE IS THE STORY:

One year ago, when the needs of all departments were presented to the Conference Board of Directors, they adopted a budget of $26,000.00, although the sources of income appeared to be $750.00 less than that amount. As the year advanced the gifts from the churches declined, and at one time we were $2,600.00 behind. Certain savings in the budget were made, totaling $550.00. Remittances from the churches in January and February showed some improvement. At the March meeting of the Board the Superintendent was authorized to make a special appeal to interested individuals. Nearly 150 persons were contacted by letter and in person, and as a result over $800.00 came in, which gave us a surplus of $145.00 on March 30th, with a few gifts carried over as nest-eggs for the new year. In other words, we spent during the year $550.00 less than had been planned, and we received $344.00 more than we had expected.

No part of the deficits of previous years has been made up. Surpluses built up in the past by special gifts and legacies have been reduced but our churches have been kept functioning.

Here is the story for the past four years:

Fiscal year ending March 31, 1932—Deficit,	**$5,583.20**
Fiscal year ending March 31, 1933—Deficit,	**$2,495.75**
Fiscal year ending March 31, 1934—Deficit,	**$1,316.39**
Fiscal year ending March 31, 1935—SURPLUS,	**$ 145.37**

Our profound thanks go to pastors, treasurers, and churches for promptness in remitting regular benevolence funds, and to 66 individuals who responded with special "Demolish the Deficit" contributions.

PACIFIC CONGRESS PLANS

The Pacific Slope Congress of Congregational Churches will be held at First Church, Tacoma, Wash., June 26 to 28 (Wednesday to Friday, inclusive). The June date was fixed in response to a widespread demand from California people that the Congress should come at a time to permit the combination of attendance with a vacation in the scenic Northwest.

The program is in process of formation. The theme will be: "The Church—Victorious." Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, D.D., of Hartford, Conn., former moderator of the National Council; Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, brilliant professor of Church History at Chicago Theological Seminary; President Herman F. Swartz, D.D., of Pacific School of Religion; and Rev. Hugh Vernon White, D.D. of the American Board, Boston, have already been engaged as speakers.

Further details will be sent out and will appear in The Pacific from time to time, but ministers and laymen should begin to plan at once on attending this great gathering and then enjoying a period in "America's Wonder Playground—the Northwest."

NEW SON OF THE MANSE

Graham Franklin has taken up his abode at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace of Santa Rosa. At the time of arrival he almost tipped the scales at 10 pounds. March 27th was his natal day. He has not yet decided whether he will be a missionary to China, as was his mother, or a preacher, like his father, but with such parents he is destined for a distinguished and useful career.

ASILOMAR

The second edition of ASILOMAR LIGHT has come from the press. Among the important announcements which it brings are the interesting facts that Rev. Willard B. Thorp of Palo Alto will be on the faculty, leading a course on "Personal Creed," and Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi, who was director of the conference for two years, is to be dean of men. These leaders, together with Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Boston and Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento, whose participation in the conference was announced in the last issue of The Pacific, will make a strong conference team. Other faculty members are being secured by Rev. Gail Cleland, the director.

The contest in ideas for raising money to finance delegations has been extended to April 15th. In submitting suggestions, young people not only will be of assistance to other societies, but will have the chance of securing something for their own Asilomar fund. Asilomar dates will be July 27th to August 3rd.

Cent-a-Meal Boxes

Let us not forget those Cent-a-Meal boxes. About 1,400 have been distributed among the people of our Conference. But they will not work themselves. The following steps are necessary, if they are to be effective:

1. Occasional reference to them from pulpit and at church gatherings.

2. The keeping of accurate record of the families that have taken boxes.

3. Regular emptying of the boxes at a special occasion or by a collector visiting the homes. (Instructions for opening the boxes and new labels for closing them again are furnished free by the Conference office.)

4. Reports to the people of missionary work being done. (See columns of The Pacific and the Missionary Herald.)

DR. ALMA LOCKE COOKE

Physician and surgeon, teacher and friend, missionary and Christian! Dr. Cooke is soon to return to her beloved Lintsing Hospital, China. She has a fascinating story to tell at our spring Association meetings. An extended account of her work appeared in the March issue of The Pacific.

Religious Work at U. C.

Religious work for Congregational young people at the University of California has been carried on for many years by a working arrangement between the Congregational Education Society and First Church, Berkeley.

Several hundred young people expressing Congregational preference are always registered at the University. The Congregational churches should feel the same vital concern for them, as though there was a Congregational college in Northern California with as many students.

The depression has necessitated heavy reductions by all our national societies. The Education Society has felt itself compelled to give up all student work at all State universities. Believing that our churches want this enterprise continued and that they will respond with special gifts, the Conference Board of Directors has voted to assume that portion of the budget heretofore carried by the Education Society, beginning April 1, 1935. In order to meet the $1,000.00 which will be required, two plans have been proposed by the Committee on Benevolence Promotion:

a. That this student work be made a project for the giving of our Congregational young people's societies.
b. That our churches be asked to observe one Sunday in the autumn as Education Day, and that a special offering be taken in each church for the purpose.

During all of the years First Church, Berkeley, has given quarters for the young people and their activities, including light, heat, and office. The Mothers' Club of the church has helped in furnishing the rooms and providing Sunday evening teas.

For the past two or three years Rev. R. R. Morgan has been in charge, and the program has been very greatly enlarged. Rev. O. W. S. McCall continues to draw hundreds of University students to the two series of sermons which he preaches every year to young people.

"The Church in the days ahead will either mean a lot more to individuals and to society; or a lot less."—Superintendent W. F. Frazier.

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Social Action Plans

The recently formed Social Action Committee of West Bay Cacoypa has recommended that each of its constituent groups choose for study and report, one of the following situations: Unemployment conditions in San Francisco; the liquor problem from the standpoint of local licensing and automobile accidents; citizenship—either immigration, the Exclusion act, or the benefits of citizenship; United States participation in the World Court, or compulsory military training; block-booking at local motion picture houses; the farm situation in California as it affects the Japanese; old age pensions—present and prospective; slum conditions in San Francisco. Findings may be communicated by means of written reports, by lecture, or through the medium of drama.

Studies on Peace

Rev. Lawrence Wilson, chairman of the Conference Council on Social Action, recommends for study the booklet, "What Can Christians Do for Peace?" by Theodore Ainsworth Greene. It is remarkably constructive and suggestive and could be used with profit by adult classes and seminars. It will afford an excellent preparation for our plebiscite on war, which is to be held in the autumn. Copies may be secured through the Pacific Book Service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 23 (Tuesday)—Conference on Ministerial Standing, for examination of candidates.
April 24 (Wednesday)—Spring Meeting of Congregational Women, at Redwood City.
April 26 (Friday)—San Joaquin Association, First Church, Fresno.
April 30 (Tuesday)—Central Association, Stockton.
May 1 (Wednesday)—Sacramento Valley Association, Loomis.
May 3 (Friday)—Upper Bay Association, Rio Vista.
May 4 and 5 (Saturday and Sunday)—German Young People's Convention at Zion Church, Fresno.
May 7 (Tuesday)—Bay Association, New Pilgrim Church, Oakland.
May 8 (Wednesday)—Santa Clara
May 9 (Thursday)—Commencement, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
May 10 (Friday)—Redwood Empire Association, Cotati.
May 13-15—Southern California Congregational Conference, Eagle Rock.
June 26-28—Pacific Slope Congress of Congregational Churches, Tacoma, Wash.
July 6-13—Missionary Education Conference, Asilomar.
July 27-Aug. 3—Congregational Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
October 15-17—Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Pioneer Church, Sacramento.

WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?

Rev. T. T. Giffen has been running a series of paragraphs in the Bulletin of Plymouth Church, Oakland, in reply to certain objections or excuses which people give for not joining the church. Here are three of them:

1. We are too poor to join the church.

I have no doubt you are poorer than you ought to be. There are many like you. Some belong to Plymouth and are very valuable members. The church wants your money if you can afford to give; it must have someone's money if it is to continue to carry on. It will continue to be the practice to offer to members and friends the opportunity to contribute, and to accept their own judgment as to their duty and ability. We have members who don't give at all, some who are a financial liability; we want them all. The church is on record by official vote and by long practice to the effect that ability to pay money is not related to the right and duty to belong to the church. There are many ways to help besides giving money. If I were a pastor of a church that made ability to give money a condition of membership, I would not stay for a single day except to try to make that church Christian. So once and for all let's put that aside as a reason for not joining the church or for failure to attend.

2. We are not settled in this community.

I have heard it a million times—nearly. Some have said it to me once a year for several years. It is true, you are not settled; never will be. We all move—too often. Troubled times and furnished apartments do not conduce to fixed abode. But this may not be too good a reason for not joining the church. If you continue to use it you may stay for many years outside the church that you need, that needs you. Joining the church is not a difficult process. If you join and then move it is little trouble to give you a letter of transfer. You can even move quite a distance and still be a good member of Plymouth as many are now proving. We want you in Plymouth Church if you mean to try to live a Christian life.

3. There are bad people in your church.

Everyone knows some person who piously sits in a chief pew on Sunday and spends the other days robbing his neighbors. There were sinners among Jesus' disciples and in the earliest Christian Church. I suppose every church down to this present one has them. I, for one, have no purpose to cast them out, though this is a serious matter and we must not make light of it. Let us not condone the sin, but condemn it when we are sure that it is a sin; and be lenient with the sinner at least until we are sure that he is such. If you are a saint, the sinners in the church need your saving help; if you are a sinner it may be the church can help you to be otherwise. The church is not a group of perfectly righteous people. I wish we were better than we are. We are just a lot of frail human beings who are trying through the worship of God and by the example of Jesus to "overcome evil with good." Come with us and you will do us good.

FRANK L. MOORE

Rev. Frank L. Moore, D.D., secretary of the Western Division of the Church Extension Boards, died at the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, on March 28th. Dr. Moore was a circuit rider of the old type in his early youth. Then followed several significant pastorates. After a period as superintendent of Colorado and Wyoming, he was promoted to a secretaryship of the C. H. M. S. Three years ago he spent several weeks in Northern California. He had an amazing capacity for remembering people and situations. Without exception, at every place visited, someone came forward to greet him who had previously known him, or who had been acquainted with some person that he had mentioned, or some locality that he had described. His service to our fellowship was long and distinguished. He was a worthy successor of the apostles and missionaries of all ages.

NEW HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY

The new Handbook and Directory of the Northern California Congregational Conference and the Federation of Congregational Women will be ready for distribution immediately after Easter. The names of all officers and committees of both Conference and Federation, all ministers who hold membership in our Conference, officers of Associations, and of women's organizations within the local churches, together with statistics of the churches themselves, and much other valuable information are included. The mimeographing is done in the Conference office, and the printing by the First Church, San Francisco. In other years when the entire book was printed the cost was close to $200. In the present form it is less than $30. It contains 40 pages and is furnished free to churches and to officers of the Federation and Conference.

Royola Writes from P. I.

Rev. P. F. Royola, formerly missionary among the Filipinos in the Salinas district, and now pastor of a church at Cagayan, Philippine Islands, has written to the Conference office and desires to be remembered to his many Northern California friends. He encloses a photograph of his three daughters, and they have grown in stature since their return to the Islands so that those who knew them best would scarcely recognize them. The Royola family sincerely hope that a way may be found for them to return to the United States. Financial conditions in the Islands, seemingly, have grown steadily worse.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Rev. F. L. Fagley, of the General Council, has called attention to the fact that statistics on church attendance are to appear in the Congregational Year Book. Those churches which have not been in the habit of keeping a record of attendance are urged to do so that reasonably accurate figures will be available when the next Year Book blanks are to be filled out. The General Council Commission on Church Attendance considers it a most opportune time for the subject to be discussed at Association gatherings and other meetings of ministers and lay people.

W. B. Williams in Idaho

Rev. Walter B. Williams, formerly pastor of North Church, Berkeley, has been called to a church at Weiser, Idaho. He is already on the field and at work. For the past two or three years he has been making his home at Brockton, Mass. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Williams will rejoice that they have come back to the West. We only wish they were in California.

DO WE CLIMB?

Just take a look at the columns below! Isn't that a splendid record? Forty-four churches made remittances in the one month! (Of course some of them had to be prodded a bit, and more than 44 did not remit, but outside of December, that constitutes a record of some kind or other.)

Then please notice that "Special Deficit Fund" of $697.05! That was a big help—and there is some more of it for April (just a nest egg for the new year).

For the first three months of 1935 we are better off than in 1934 by $1500 ($700 in special gifts and $800 from the churches). Are we really on the way up, or have our churches overexerted themselves at the beginning of the 1935 steeple chase? We prefer to believe that we are again climbing.

	March 1935	Jan. 11 Mar. 31 1935	Jan. 11 Mar. 31 1934
Adin	$ 28.00	$ 28.00	
Alameda	69.74	69.74	$ 68.31
Alturas		7.10	
Angel's Camp	25.00	25.00	25.00
Antioch	8.40	8.40	
Auburn	25.00	25.00	
Benicia		1.00	5.00
Berkeley—			
First		1,083.32	1,935.50
North	150.00	150.00	
Park	27.30	27.30	
Campbell	50.00	50.00	125.00
Ceres			18.33
Cloverdale	20.10	24.65	25.76
Cotati		20.00	9.50
Crockett	25.90	25.90	
Eureka	25.00	60.00	38.00
Fairfax		15.00	
Ferndale	46.16	46.16	2.69
Fowler			10.00
Fresno—			
First	145.70	145.70	98.74
Pilgrim Armenian			9.25
Hayward	12.50	25.00	
Kenwood		9.35	
Likely		5.00	1.32
Lockeford	7.00	7.00	
Lodi, First	120.00	120.00	100.00
Loomis	8.00	19.35	
Martinez	26.79	39.45	
Murphy		40.00	40.00
Niles		22.20	
Oakland—			
First	416.66	890.82	519.50
Fruitvale			1.00
Pilgrim			5.00
Plymouth	110.00	170.00	125.75
Oroville	20.00	65.00	60.00
Pacific Grove	66.25	88.25	82.30
Palo Alto		50.00	160.00
Paradise	34.51	70.70	
Petaluma	59.72	140.31	162.12
Pittsburg	19.74	19.74	
Port Chicago	2.35	2.35	
Porterville			8.50
Redwood City	100.00	100.00	100.00
Reedley—			
Finnish			14.00
Ripon	4.00	9.00	12.50
Sacramento	137.70	137.70	.50
San Carlos	5.00	10.00	10.00
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission	95.50	110.50	55.63
First	215.30	412.77	165.68
Richmond			7.00
San Jose	35.00	120.00	130.00
San Leandro	17.01	26.98	34.63
Santa Cruz	180.00	180.00	
Santa Rosa	56.05	68.05	46.15
Saratoga	60.00	60.00	
Sebastopol	52.23	61.24	40.32
Sonoma	13.78	13.78	
Soquel	16.00	16.00	10.00
Stockton	88.00	139.35	119.33
Sunol			30.00
Tulare	65.00	65.00	
Weaverville	15.00	15.00	15.00
Reno, Nevada	60.15	79.27	
Miscellaneous	10.00	111.00	110.00
Special Deficit Fund	697.05	697.05	
	$3,472.59	$6,029.48	$4,537.31

REV. WILLIAM A. TATE

Rev. William A. Tate, sometime pastor of the Congregational church at Rio Vista, and recently of Argo, a suburb of Chicago, passed away on March 20th. Dr. Tate was remarkably successful in the conduct of a comprehensive program of psychiatric counseling for health and mental hygiene. He was a promoter of many civic, relief, and social enterprises in his community, which was largely industrial. He was in very truth the first citizen of the district.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN JOSE. "Asilomar Pays Dividends"—one of the most loyal and active members of the committee on evangelism is a product of the young people's conferences at Asilomar. This young member sold the committee on the idea of a midweek hour of devotion and meditation during the Lenten period. The entire program is managed by the young people, under the direction of Rev. Benjamin Gould, pastor. Fred W. Morrison is in general charge of our Sixtieth Anniversary program. He announces the following interesting meetings as a proper and fitting recognition of this important milestone in our Church history: April 28th—reception of members, with the goal set at sixty new members. In this work he is assisted by the entire committee on evangelism. It is the general opinion that this goal is going to be reached. May 1—Anniversary dinner. Dr. Herman F. Swartz is to give the address at this dinner. May 5th—Anniversary service. At this service the Rev. Carl S. Patton, D. D., is to deliver the sermon.

W. L. M.

FAIRFAX. Rev. James W. Price closed his pastorate on March 17th. The Sunday School presented him with a beautiful pen and inkwell. A reception followed the morning service, which was largely attended, and he was speeded on his way with the good wishes of the entire community. Rev. Charles L. Mears, who has just closed a four-year pastorate at La Jolla, near San Diego, has been called as pastor, but has not finally accepted. He has agreed to supply the church through April and then to give his decision.

PILGRIM, OAKLAND. Social affairs and entertainment have been laid aside for the weeks preceding Easter. An effort is being made at the 11 o'clock service to understand the Nature of the Self, to Nurture the Self, and to encourage the Self to Explore the major areas of life, all in the light of the Master's idealism. The Pilgrim News contains Bible readings for Lent and "A Technique of Prayer" by Muriel Lester. Rev. Horton R. Colbert is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Rev. H. S. Mahood is conducting Easter instruction classes for young people, one on Saturday and another on Sunday evening. A junior church service is conducted, the children leaving after the opening service and going, in charge of two young people, to the Sunday School room. The women have started a study club for missions, which meets at the homes of the members.

SOQUEL. The Ladies' Circle entertained nearly a hundred women from the missionary societies of Santa Cruz churches on the Day of Prayer for Missions. They also entertained in honor of the birthday of the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath. During the same month they served a reciprocity luncheon for sixteen associations of the Santa Cruz Council, P.-T. A.

ALAMEDA. Following the 17th of March, the Alameda Church was in the lead in the contest with Lodi and Redwood City. Rev. Gail Cleland has been on the air twice in recent weeks, once over KRE from the Chapel of the Chimes, and again over station KROW. An emergency fund for renovating church and parsonage is being raised by the members.

PETALUMA. A Voluntary Membership Committee of thirty is working to bring a large group into the Church on the Sunday following Easter. At the first meeting of the committee Superintendent Gill gave an inspiring talk on "Personal Evangelism." Not only are several persons being interested in church membership, but many contacts are being made that are attracting new members to various departments of the work of the church. Weekly meetings are held for reports and exchange of names. About sixty young people from five denominations attended a union service held at the Congregational church. The entire service was planned and conducted by the young people. The Lenten season was opened with a dinner held on Ash Wednesday, at which Dr. J. J. Banninga of India spoke eloquently on "True Bahkto in Life and Worship." At the Sunday morning services Rev. R. C. Waddell, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons on "Studies in the Life of Jesus—His Life and Ours."

TULARE. A series of sponsored Sundays during the six weeks of Lent has added interest and increased attendance. Six groups, including two women's organizations, men, Christian Endeavor, Sunday School, and Kuai Loa (a social group), have provided special musical features, have assisted the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, in the conduct of the services, have ushered, and have stimulated attendance thru the mail. Attendance has increased, and has even reached a higher mark than the proverbial "first Sunday of the new pastorate."

TRINITY COUNTY. Pianos have been secured by the Hayfork church and the Weaverville church, the latter for use in the parish house. An adult Bible class has been formed in Weaverville, the first in many years. Superintendent Harley H. Gill is to spend a week in Trinity County during April, conducting evangelistic meetings in Hayfork and organizing for personal evangelism in Weaverville. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor in charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Two of the young people from the Christian Endeavor Society have been entrusted with responsibilities in district organizations—Miss Marguerite Baloukian is treasurer of West Bay Cacoypa, and Miss Leah Garabedian is recording secretary of Golden Gate Christian Endeavor Union.

EUREKA. Rev. J. J. Banninga, who is in residence as professor of missions at the Pacific School of Religion during the present semester, is to preach the Easter sermon. Dr. Banninga and Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, have been friends of many years' standing.

PITTSBURG. A beautiful lighted cross tops the tower of this church. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, sees to it that it is illuminated whenever a meeting is held where prayer is emphasized. It makes a striking image against the night sky.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. An Intermediate Young People's Fellowship has been organized, under the leadership of Miss Ida Nicholas. It meets during the Sunday School hour. Rev. Stewart E. Locke is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. The extent to which this community center is used is revealed in the following schedule of activities taken from the report of the director, Mr. John H. Gregg:

Three religious groups on Sunday,
Two character-building groups for boys on Friday,
Two character-building groups for girls on Thursday,
Two adult education classes on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week,
Six meetings of women's groups during the month,
One meeting of men's group during the month,
One civic meeting every month,
One community meeting for men and women at least every two months,
Three days a week community library service.

LODI. This church, which is participating in the attendance contest with Alameda and Redwood City, reports a worth-while increase. Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons on the great fundamentals of the Christian faith, namely, God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, Temptation, the Cross, and Immortality, in response to definite requests by members of his congregation. The women of the Central Association gathered at Lodi on March 20th, under the leadership of the district president, Mrs. Sherman. Miss Helen Perkins of Berkeley reviewed three mission study books.

RENO, NEVADA. The Chest of Joash plan was very successful in securing a large part of the budget for home expenses and benevolences for the Church year. The year just closed showed the largest number of additions for a like period since the church was organized. Junior and primary departments of the Church School have greatly increased. More than $1,500 in improvements have just been completed. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

BENICIA. The Once a Month Club of men has resulted in a fine increase in church attendance. Dr. J. J. Banninga was the speaker at the Men's Community Club during March. A number of young people are expected to unite with the church on Easter. Rev. E. W. Houlding is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A directory of organizations, clubs and membership is in process of preparation. A brief statement of the object of each organization and department is given, this to be followed by names of officers and members. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. A hundred and seventy women were guests of the Plymouth Guild at a spring luncheon. A beautiful program was presented. The proceeds were for the social service department of the Guild. Rev. N. W. Pendleton is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. A special committee has been appointed to see whether or not the time is advisable for a campaign to take care of interest and reduce the building debt. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Rev. Reed B. Cherington has been giving Lenten sermons on "The Cross," and on "The Nature of Immortality."

CAMPBELL. The church bulletin for three Sundays in March shows a very full program of activities. Mission study circles for junior, intermediate, college, and adult groups are in progress. Judge William James was announced as speaker at a men's dinner, using as his subject, "The Boy." A conference on personal evangelism, followed by weekly meetings for report of personal workers, was held. At another men's dinner Rev. Alonzo Baker gave an address on the crime situation. A play, "The Honorable Guest," was presented on a Sunday evening by a group of Japanese young people. Dr. J. J. Banninga of India was a Sunday morning speaker. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

OROVILLE. The Sunday School shows continued improvement. The work of Miss Helen Dizney in China was presented as a playlet by eighth grade girls at the assembly of the Sunday School, and also before a women's circle. The young people were entirely responsible for an evening church service, during which "World Friendship Toward the Japanese" formed the basis of the message. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, the pastor, made over 100 calls during the month, and finds definite results in church attendance. He is to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of his old high school at Newton, Kansas.

SUNOL GLEN. Miss Mary Coxhead, who for four years served as missionary in Modoc County, will conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School, a Sunday School, and will hold church services in the Sunol church during the coming summer. There has been a small Sunday School conducted for the past few months by the mother of a family of children, but for the most part the church has been without leadership for two years.

AUBURN INVITES

The Auburn Congregational Church is to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary with a dinner and historical program Thursday, May 2, 1935, at 6:30 p. m., and a service of reconsecration Sunday, May 5th, which is the exact day of the anniversary. This latter service will be at the hour of the regular morning worship, 11 a. m. The pastor and the committee on arrangements earnestly desire the attendance of every former member of the church at one or both of these occasions. Former members who are unable to attend are hereby requested to write a letter or send for the historical exhibit anything they possess which will help to recall the early days of the church. Communications should be addressed to the pastor, Rev. R. N. England, or the clerk, Mrs. C. D. Locher, Auburn, Calif.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

There will be no executive meeting in April, on account of the Spring Meeting to be held in Redwood City.

THE SPRING MEETING

Redwood City Congregational Church
Wednesday, April 24, 1935
Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Presiding

At the morning session, which begins at 10:30, Dr. Alma Locke Cooke will speak on "Latest News from Lintsing." Rev. Norman W. Pendleton will conduct the devotional, and special music will be furnished by the choir of the church.

There will be a basket lunch at noon.

The afternoon session will open at 1:15. Miss Frances B. Clapp of Kyoto, Japan, will speak on, "The Place of the Doshisha in Modern Japan." The soloist will be Hazel Bobbs Hohberger. Mr. George N. White of the A. M. A. will give the closing address on, "The Man at the Wheel."

Adjournment will be promptly at 3:00.

Easter Theme

The March meeting of the Federation was held at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, on March 21st, with Mrs. Frank J. Greene, the President, presiding. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Peck, whose theme was especially appropriate to the Easter season, "The Wondrous Cross." She alluded to the fact that in the Roman empire the cross was the sign of shame, that being forced to bear a cross was the most cruel ignominy. Jesus recognized this when He said to His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." He bore His cross to Calvary, and thereby glorified it forever. It has become the emblem of Christianity, the sacred symbol of the Church. Out of the fullness of the heart the Christian sings, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," and other precious hymns of the Church. Again, at this Easter time we would heed His words, even as His followers of old, and take up our cross and follow Him.

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

Mrs. E. T. Sherman, of the Central Association, spoke on "Re-enlisting Inactive Members." She especially stressed the value of the personal call and of the personal invitation to attend a meeting, either at the church or at home. People are generally disposed to be friendly, and those who have tended to become lukewarm in church work often need to be shown, not once but many times, the friendliness of the church people. In addition, the programs at the meetings, in order to rekindle interest, must be vitally interesting and of real worth. Many a person has sat through a program "bored to death." Once the spark of enthusiasm has been struck, it must be kept glowing. An aroused interest may reveal a latent talent which will turn an indifferent member into a zealous worker.

MISS LOUISE E. WILSON

Miss Louise E. Wilson, retired missionary of the American Board, passed away in Berkeley on March 13, 1935. She was commissioned by the Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific, and served for seventeen years in the Caroline Islands, where she was in charge of a girls' school. She retired about twenty years ago because of ill health, and since that time had made her home in Berkeley. Hers was a great ministry to the children of those far-away islands, who under her instruction learned of the sweetness of life and caught something of her spirit of faith and love and desire to serve others.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND THEIR CHURCHES

The President of the Federation has been introducing the Associational Presidents at the recent meetings. In February the Presidents of the Santa Clara, the Bay, and the Redwood Empire Associations were presented, and at the last meeting those from the Sacramento, Upper Bay, and Central Associations. Mrs. A. V. Dunn of Sacramento spoke on "What an Association Has the Right to Expect from Its President," and Mrs. L. Byerrum of Benicia, on, "What a President Has the Right to Expect from Her Association."

Both speakers emphasized the necessity of close cooperation between each society and its Associational President. The President accepts her office with the earnest desire to be of use to every society in her group. She can do this only if the societies cooperate with her by acquainting her with their activities, their problems, their programs, and by consulting her as to methods better fitting their local needs. They have a right to seek through her the wider fellowship of their Association and of the Federation, and she has the right to expect them to work with her for the benefit of every society in the Association.

Truths Verified

In the report of the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, attention was called to a pamphlet just issued in Hawaii, written by Walter Frear, former Governor of the Islands and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. This is a documented and scholarly discussion, in defense of the early missionaries, in which Judge Frear adequately refutes the charges made against them. The two chief matters of criticism were the alleged narrow-mindedness of the missionaries, and the appropriation of lands to their private advantage. This is a very important document and should be in every missionary library.

DR. COOKE VISITS EUREKA

Mrs. C. H. Hudson of Eureka sends this: "An unexpected treat came to the Eureka Church on March 5th, in a visit to Mrs. Ida Parker from her niece, Dr. Alma Locke Cooke. Coming from Portland, Dr. Cooke found she could stop off in Eureka for two nights and see her relatives there, whom she had not visited for nearly twenty years. Thus we had the privilege on Wednesday evening of hearing her lecture at the church. Our women have long been keenly interested in her work, and seeing and hearing her in person was the one thing needed to inspire us in the future."

M. E. M. AT ASILOMAR

Asilomar! The word brings to the mind of those who have been there a never-to-be-forgotten picture, and to the heart a longing to see it again. This summer the Missionary Education Movement (M. E. M.) is holding its usual summer conference there, from July 6th to the 13th. This is an interdenominational school of missions, with study courses on both foreign and home missions. This year the foreign topic is "Latin America," with special emphasis upon Mexico and the Mexican, both in Mexico and the United States. The home topic is "Pioneering in Home Missions." This school is the place to develop and train leaders for carrying on missionary education in our church societies. Miss Helen M. Perkins, Secretary of Literature and Education of the Federation, urges that every society find a way to send at least one person to this school. July seems a long way off, but now is not too early to begin to plan for it.

HELPS IN EDUCATION ABOUT ALCOHOL

(Preserve For Reference)

This bibliography of new material on the subject of alcohol has been prepared by Miss Dorothy Osburn, of the Oakland School Department, and President of the East Bay Narcotic Education Council. Each reference has been carefully evaluated and its data carefully verified. These references are data and not propaganda.

For the Teacher

a. "Alcohol and Man." Edited by Haven Emerson, M.D. The Macmillan Co.; $3.50.
b. "Alcohol: Its Effects on Man." Haven Emerson, M.D. Appleton-Century Co.; $1.00.
c. "A Syllabus on Alcohol Education." Bertha Rachel Palmer.
d. "What About Alcohol?" Bogen and Hisey. Angelus Press, Scientific Education Association, Los Angeles. 1934; $1.50.
e. "A Review of the Effects of Alcohol on Man." Edited by Dr. Kathleen Kitchen and Dr. Harcourt Kitchin. Victor Gollancz, Ltd., of London; 8/6.
f. "Health Essentials."

For the Student

a. "What About Alcohol?" Bogen and Hisey. Angelus Press, Scientific Education Association, Los Angeles; 1934; $1.50.
b. "Youth Faces the Liquor Problem." Bert H. Davis, Allied Youth, Washington, D. C.; $0.15.
c. Allied Youth Magazine. Allied Youth, Washington, D. C.; $1.00 per year. (Contains valuable suggestions for presentation of material, as well as articles that are of value to both the teacher and the student.)
d. "John Barleycorn, Public Enemy No. 1," Roy L. Smith.
e. "John Barleycorn; His Life and Letters." Dr. Daniel Poling.
f. "Here's Health to You." Baker.
g. "Narcotics and Youth Today." Corradini.
h. Yearly publications of the Travelers' Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.:
1933—"They Call Us Civilized."
1934—"The Great American Gamble."
(These explain, in detail, by pictures, cartoons, and figures, the causes of traffic accidents. No mention is made of drunken driving in the 1933 publication, and only a page of editorial comment in the 1934 issue, but they are very useful and instructive on the general problem of traffic hazards. Free to teachers.)

"DOWN UNDER"

Learning that his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner of Pilgrim Place, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richards of Honolulu, would visit Australia and New Zealand during their world cruise, Dr. L. L. Wirt wrote to several of his friends "down under," advising them of this opportunity to meet four American Church leaders.

The following letter, under date of February 25th, has been received in reply, from Rev. A. V. Whiting, pastor of the Beresford Street Church, Auckland, New Zealand, Chairman of the New Zealand Congregational Union:

"Dear Dr. Wirt:—Thank you sincerely for giving us word in advance of the coming of these distinguished visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner of Claremont, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richards of Honolulu, T. H.

"Your good letter arrived, fortunately, one day in advance of the S.S. 'Franconia.' We immediately radio-telegraphed our greetings to these friends.

"Learning that the 'Franconia' would remain in Auckland harbor over Sunday (the next day), we gave notice in all the papers of a reception, and announced that these friends would be the pulpit guests of Beresford Street Church both morning and evening.

"On every side, today, I am hearing golden opinions of the services. It was a treat for our people to meet these friends, and their messages both cheered and inspired the large congregations that greeted them. Thank you sincerely for giving us this privilege. . . ."

Good Friday in Alameda

Superintendent Harley H. Gill has been invited by a group of churches in Alameda to give the seven sermons on the "Seven Last Words," at a union three-hour service on Good Friday. Three years ago this was done at Petaluma and a year ago at Stockton. Mr. Gill will also give the address at the sunrise service, Easter morning, on the top of a hill near San Rafael, under the sponsorship of the Protestant churches of Marin County. Later in the morning he will drive to Suisun, where he will preach the Easter sermon at the regular hour of worship.

TODAY IS A GREAT DAY

By Roy L. Smith

Today is the day to put those good resolutions of yesterday to work, the day to offer that apology so long overdue and restore a broken friendship, the day to start the battle against some evil habit and set in action the creation of a good habit, the day to shove back the horizons of the soul and enlarge your world, the day to batter down the walls that have shut God out, the day to forget the defeats of yesterday except to profit by them, the day to invite our soul to serenity and confidence in God, the day to set out on a determined effort to make prayer work. Today is the greatest day we ever knew.—Calvary (S. F.) Paper.

NEW WEDDING CERTIFICATE

Rev. Tom Watt of Park Church, Berkeley, has prepared an attractive marriage certificate, in which a form of ceremony is included, with spaces for signature of the bridal party and guests. Single copies may be secured at 25 cents each. An introductory offer of $1.00 for six has been made. Pastors may address Mr. Watt at 1802 Fairview Street, Berkeley.